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1. Leipzig-Möckern (E21): Infantry units, occupying all barracks, are being motorized. All EM are being instructed in the use of motor-cycles. (11 April 1947).
2. Erfurt (J36): An unreported number of tanks recently arrived in Erfurt which, like Halle and Chemnitz, is said to have been "strongly garrisoned" since 10 April. Local rumors state that border troop strength is to be increased about 1 May. (11 April).
3. New armor arrived in the Pössneck-Rudolstadt-Saalfeld (J73-54-53) area during Easter week. Saalfeld and Rudolstadt each received thirty T-34 tanks. Tanks have made an appearance in Ranis (J73), also.
4. transfer and regrouping of Soviet units in Thuringia began during the week of 5-12 April. These shifts were continuing as of 19 April.
5. Gera (K06): Gera is a corps headquarters and that it also may be controlling headquarters for armored units stationed in Jena. There are three camps in the immediate area of Gera:

Gera-Tinz is fully occupied by approximately four infantry companies.

Gera-Neustadt houses approximately two battalions of troops wearing black shoulder tabs with red piping and artillery insignia. No guns or vehicles were observed.

Gera-Reuss consists of four buildings large enough to contain a full battalion. This site is under careful guard, however, and strength could not be determined. It may be the corps staff headquarters. There is a large, well-stocked infantry ammunition dump two kilometers north of this camp. There is a fuel depot at Langenberg (K06).

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- 25X1 6. Insignia [redacted] were seen in Gera. These consisted of black shoulder tabs with blue piping for officers and blue shoulder tabs with black piping for EM. (This and preceding Gera information are dated 14 April).
7. Rudolstadt (J54): On 21 April, the Prinz Eugen camp was fully occupied and there were 150 new vehicles in its courtyard. These included trucks, passenger cars, and a majority of motorcycles. Approximately two companies are housed in one of the town schools. Troops of various units occupy the former German vehicle training camp to about fifty percent of capacity; this is believed to be a training school.
8. There are three supply depots along the railroad line between Rudolstadt and Jena. (21 April).
- 25X1 9. Saalfeld (J53): All barracks are completely filled, chiefly by armored troops, and homes have been requisitioned for 120 officers. Insignia observed included red shoulder tabs with black piping and tank symbol, the same shoulder tabs with crossed rifles, black shoulder tabs with red borders, and signal unit symbols. [redacted] armored strength at two divisions and states that these units are related to the motorized units in Rudolstadt. [redacted]
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